Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1-3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (new): A balloon expandable intralumenal support device, comprising:

at least two generally circular elements aligned with and adjacent to each other when crimped on a balloon of a balloon catheter, each element including a wire having a plurality of axial turns, with one half of the turns facing a first direction and one half of the turns facing a second direction,

wherein at least one axial turn of the one half of the turns facing a first direction and at least one axial turn of the one half of the turns facing a second direction are not connected to the axial turns of an adjacent element.

Claim 5 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein each said element further includes a plurality of straight portions.

Claim 6 (new): The support device of claim 5, wherein at least one of said plurality of straight portions is disposed between each said axial turn.

Claim 7 (new): The support device of claim 5, wherein said straight portions extend from a first axial turn facing said first direction to a second axial turn facing said second direction.

Claim 8 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein at least one of said elements is metallic.

Claim 9 (new): The support device of claim 8, wherein at least one of said elements is made of a metal alloy.

Claim 10 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein at least one of said elements is expandable from a first unexpanded radius to a second expanded radius.

Claim 11 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein said axial turns have a first end and a second end, such that the movement of said first end away from said second end causes said element to expand.

Claim 12 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein said at least two elements are simultaneously expandable within a body lumen.

Claim 13 (new): The support device of claim 4, wherein said axial turns are generally U-shaped.

Claim 14 (new): A intralumenal support device, comprising:

a plurality of balloon expandable rings parallel and adjacently aligned, each ring comprising axial turns, wherein at least one of said axial turns facing a first direction and

at least one of said axial turns facing a second direction are not connected to an adjacently aligned expandable ring.

Claim 15 (new): The support device of claim 14, wherein each of said plurality of balloon expandable rings further includes a plurality of straight portions.

Claim 16 (new): The support device of claim 15, wherein at least one of said plurality of straight portions is disposed between a pair of said axial turns.

Claim 17 (new): The support device of claim 15, wherein said straight portions extend from a first axial turn to a second axial turn.

Claim 18 (new): The support device of claim 14, wherein said rings are metallic.

Claim 19 (new): The support device of claim 18, wherein said rings are made of a metal alloy.

Claim 20 (new): The support device of claim 14, wherein said axial turns have a first end and a second end, such that the movement of said first end away from said second end causes said rings to expand.

Claim 21 (new): The support device of claim 14, wherein said rings are simultaneously expandable within a body lumen.

Claim 22 (new): The support device of claim 14, wherein each of said axial turns forms a hair-pin turn.

Claim 23 (new): An intravascular stent device, comprising:

a plurality of undulating rings adjacently aligned, said ring having a generally circular shape and being capable of being expanded from a first diameter to a second diameter by the inflation of a balloon of a balloon catheter;

wherein said undulating rings are formed from at least alternating axial turns; and

wherein at least two adjacent alternating axial turns are not connected to an adjacently aligned undulating ring.

Claim 24 (new): The stent device of claim 23, wherein each undulating ring further includes a plurality of straight portions.

Claim 25 (new): The support device of claim 24, wherein at least one of said plurality of straight portions is disposed between adjacent alternating axial turns.

Claim 26 (new): The support device of claim 25, wherein said straight portions span the entire distance between adjacent alternating axial turns.

Claim 27 (new): The support device of claim 23, wherein said undulating rings are metallic.

Claim 28 (new): The support device of claim 27, wherein said undulating rings are made of a metal alloy.

Claim 29 (new): The support device of claim 23, wherein said undulating rings are expandable from a first unexpanded radius to a second expanded radius.

Claim 30 (new): The support device of claim 23, wherein said axial turns have a first end and a second end, such that the movement of said first end away from said second end causes said rings to expand.

Claim 31 (new): The support device of claim 23, wherein said adjacently aligned undulating rings are simultaneously expandable within a body lumen.

Claim 32 (new): The support device of claim 23, wherein said axial turns are generally U-shaped.